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Working methods of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group of the Whole

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, recalling annex I to the report on its 2014 session,[1] and pursuant to the intersessional meeting of the group of Friends of the Chair held on 10 December 2015:

(a) Decides:

(i) On submissions:

a. That, through the Chair of the Working Group of the Whole, the Secretariat will be invited to provide a list of possible paragraphs, for revision, including deletion, from the report of the Special Committee on its 2015 session,[2] on the basis of agreed criteria, such as the identification of: requests that have already been fulfilled; repetition; and actions that have been overtaken by events;

b. That, in the annual call for the submission of text, the Chair of the Working Group of the Whole will request that Member States limit the number of submissions, provide submissions that are strategic, concise and action-oriented and include views on the deletions suggested by the Secretariat, as well as the recommendations by members on the deletion of additional paragraphs;

(ii) On streamlining:

a. That the Chair of the Working Group of the Whole will request that facilitators present early on in negotiations additional paragraphs for deletion and will encourage Member States and groups with similar submissions to combine their proposals during the streamlining phase, and that facilitators will be invited to use the first week of negotiations to actively propose "facilitator suggestions" in order to further streamline similar proposals that were not combined by groups or delegations during the streamlining phase;

[1] A/68/19.
[2] A/69/19.

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b. That, in order to help to focus the overall streamlining process and coherency of the report, the Chair of the Working Group of the Whole may present for the consideration of members an additional substantive but focused chapeau, on the basis of initial submissions received from Member States;

(b) Also decides that the present decision will be included as an annex to the report of the Special Committee on its 2016 session.